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IN HONOR OF THE PRESIDENT.

The committee on decorations for the reception of President Roosevelt is considering an elaborate plan for the decoration of the streets, in honor of the Chief Executive. This is as it ought to be. In no place of this great Union will the President of the United States be more heartily welcomed than here. Nowhere is his high and responsible office held in higher esteem and reverence than here. And it is but proper that the sentiments of loyalty, and love of the country, that fill the hearts of the citizens, be embodied in the decorations and the other features of the reception of the President. The Americans are not a military people, and it would be inappropriate to make military displays the chief features of the reception of their President, as is done in European countries, when rulers of nations are honored guests. We are a people that desire to excel in industries and the peaceful activities of commerce. That should not be lost sight of. President Roosevelt is honored, not only for the great office he holds, but for the personal qualities he has displayed, since he became conspicuous in the public view. His integrity, his sincerity, his conscientious adherence to that which he considers right, have endeared him to the public generally and particularly to that part of the American people who consider such qualities essential to American manhood.

KINGS CONFER.

The spectacle of European rulers traveling from capital to capital, is one that naturally suggests the conclusion that some important moves are about to be played upon the international chess board. The visit of King Edward to Rome was made more conspicuous by the fact that it was followed immediately afterwards by the visit of Emperor William, and that the Czar is expected, in a short time, to go to Rome, too. This succession of imperial visits; these testimonials of regard to the young king, who during his short reign has so completely secured for himself and his country the respect and admiration of Europe; in short, these demonstrations of sympathy from older and more powerful nations to young Italy, represent positive evidence and acknowledgment of her progress in the way of power and civilization, and the anxiety of the larger powers to retain her friendship. Just what the result will be of the conferences held, is not known now. It can only be appreciated, when seen in the light of actual events.

The general political situation is complicated enough, to demand the most careful consideration. Crowned heads must feel the weight of government quite heavy. In the far eastern Asia, Russia is giving the interested powers much uneasiness. It is not at all certain that the Russian government would not welcome a war with Japan at this time. That is a struggle that will come sooner or later, for Japan considers Russian aggression in China as a menace to her own independence, and she is not going to give in, without a contest. Possibly Russia would welcome the inevitable struggle now, before Japan has time to prepare herself still more, and before she succeeds in arousing the Chinese from their lethargy and converting that country into a powerful ally. Russia now could only gain by a successful war there. She would obtain all the territory she at present covets.

Then Great Britain must have discovered threatening dangers in Persia. There, too, Russian influence must be at work, for the Persian Shah is but a tool in the hands of the Russian rulers. Judging from the language of the British foreign secretary, the situation is almost grave. He declared that Great Britain would consider the establishment of a naval base in the Persian Gulf, by any other power, as a menace to British interests, and that it would be resisted. That is to say, Great Britain would fight for the maintenance of status quo in Persian waters. Unless British interests were really menaced there, this warning would not have been uttered.

Then, there is the Turkish situation, with its possibilities. The latest reports from that quarter indicate that the disturbances are growing more serious. The Turks, evidently, are doing all in their power to establish quiet. That is to say, they are killing hundreds of persons and arresting others, but so far these measures seem to have proved without effect. How long the powers can remain inactive spectators of the outrages by which the entire European Turkey seems to be about to be given over to anarchy, is the question. It is quite evident that if the Sultan fails in establishing and maintaining order, supporters or kings will do it for him, and at the same time prove that his right to rule in Europe is at an end. The monarchs of Europe have much to suffer about at the present time.

It has been a common saying that Turkey would not last any longer than

until the powers could agree on a plan of partition. In the view of some, a more opportune time than the present will never present itself to the Czar, to advance on Constantinople. The widespread insurrectionary movement must undermine the Turkish strength and smooth the path of an army of occupation. Great Britain with her attention directed to China and Persia, cannot give all her energy to the Turkish problem. Germany will not and France cannot interfere. Unless Turkey can stand alone, there would not seem to be a more opportune time for giving her the coup de grace, than the present. Is that what Russia now is aiming at? Are the threatened attacks on British interests in China and Persia merely feints, to draw the attention from the real point of attack? These are questions that can be answered only as the events unfold themselves.

ARE TEACHERS HATED?

A curious discussion has been carried on in the press on the question why school teachers always are hated. The proper answer to that question is, that not all teachers are hated. It is probably true that we all can look back upon the years spent in school and remember one teacher, or several of them, who were cordially detested by the school; but it is equally true that others are remembered with sentiments of love and respect.

The trouble with teachers that leave unpleasant recollections is that they are utterly incapable of placing themselves in the position of the children and judging their acts, their failings and shortcomings, from the viewpoint of the child. They judge only from their own maturer standpoint, and they become unjust in their "corrections." The heart of a child is keen to detect injustice. The impotency of the child to resent unjust treatment, makes the other alternative—hatred for the perpetrator, but natural.

The teacher's calling is one that requires a great many qualifications. In addition to the information imparted in colleges and universities, and they are as indispensable as the knowledge imparted on the various subjects. A teacher of children should, in the first place, be a child. That is, he should possess the childlike disposition that draws the children to him. If he, or she, can take part in their amusements and show interest in the things that interest the children, the latter will take pride in following them. A teacher should never tell a lie, not even for "fun." He should never pretend to know what he does not know. Children have a way of finding out such things. He should have a firm character, yet never fail to be kind, even when reproaching. Such are the qualities that make children love their teachers, and to revere them forever. Such are the examples that are followed, and that are of more value than many words.

It is not natural for children to hate. It is natural for them to crave and to give love. If, therefore, they conceive hatred for a teacher, it is, as a rule, because the object of the hatred has mistaken his, or her, calling.

THE LANSLOWNE DOCTRINE.

"I say without hesitation that we should regard the establishment of a naval base or fortified port in the Persian Gulf by any other power as a very grave menace to British interests, and we should certainly resist it with all the means at our disposal."

Such was Foreign Secretary Lansdowne's declaration in the house of lords Tuesday evening. It is the most important announcement made by any European minister in many years, and it is easy to understand that its reception by the governments of Europe is awaited with some anxiety by England. It throws down the gauntlet to all nations. Whether any of them will take it up remains to be seen. The one power in Europe that has been extending her sphere of influence in Persia is Germany. Her interest in the Eastern question has been and is there. How she will take this assumption by England of superior rights in the Gulf of Persia cannot at this time be foretold. It is not impossible that Lansdowne's declaration is made with her knowledge and acquiescence.

The London papers appear to see some analogy between the Lansdowne doctrine and the Monroe doctrine. There is none whatever. Their origins and their purposes are entirely different. This new doctrine is solely in behalf of English interests. It is for the protection of British commerce and the sea route to India. The Monroe doctrine is nothing if not altruistic; the Lansdowne doctrine is nothing if not selfish. The purpose of one is to guarantee weak governments in their independence and integrity; the other, to further the schemes and power of an already most powerful government. The Monroe doctrine declares that the Western Hemisphere can no longer be considered open to colonization. The Lansdowne doctrine declares that British interests are predominant in the Persian Gulf and that should any other nation undertake to acquire a position of equality with Great Britain in those waters, the latter will deem it a casus belli. The English doctrine is a military plan, a strategic move. The American, a declaration of the right of a people to institute their own form of government without interference from any source. These are some of the differences of the two doctrines.

Persia is already undergoing railway exploitation. It is not a great power and will as inevitably come under the influence of some European nation as India came under British dominion. But it will be in a different way. The power under whose influence she will come will, in all probability, be either Germany or Russia. She will be a base for a military power and she is on the flank of India. Herein is really found the moving cause for the foreign secretary's announcement. The facts warrant him, in his opinion, in assuming the position he does, but will they in the opinion of other powers that think they have an interest, if not an equal one, in Persian and oriental affairs? We shall see.

"I came, I saw, I scamped," about describes Edward's visit to Rome and Paris.

"What Manner of Man" is the name of a new novel. Most likely ill-mannered.

The best recipe for growing old gracefully is to honor your father and mother.

"Is the Constitution non-enforceable?" asks the Springfield Republican. Perforce it is.

Clerks should make good politicians, they make so many successful counter moves.

Lord Lansdowne is more than a statesman. He has become a Monroe doctrine.

Present indications are that it would be safer to rely on the Columbia than on the Reliance.

Hereafter a greater gulf than ever will separate England from the continental powers.

Peace and quiet reign at Jackson, Ky., chiefly because no one there dares say anything to the contrary.

When Mr. Roosevelt gazed into the gorge of the Grand Canyon of course he thought it was gorgeous.

Interpretation of the Iowa idea is again before the public. It seems to be Iowa and everything in sight for the Iowans.

Mr. Carnegie's gift of over a million dollars for the erection of a Temple of Peace at The Hague looks like a case of peace at any price.

It is very evident that investigation into the postoffice department scandals will not be sent to the dead letter of office. It is very much alive indeed.

The difference between President Roosevelt and Captain Hobson is this: The one kisses the baby girls, while the other kisses the sweet sixteen girls.

The Omaha saloons have been closed because of the strike. A strike without saloons is a good deal like the Fourth of July without the American eagle.

So the Persian gulf is to become an English lake. How this announcement would have pleased Sir Andrew Balfour who jocularly termed the sea the British common.

So much noise is being made about the action of the vicar who married Mr. Vanderbilt that one might imagine it was the Vicar of Bray who performed the ceremony.

The Indiana and Illinois coal operators admit that they acted under an agreement, but the purpose was not to increase the price of coal. According to their own testimony they belong to the good trusts.

When Madame Ristori was presented to Emperor William he gracefully and truthfully called her the "Queen of Tragedy." In her day she was peerless and this tribute of an emperor to her was well deserved.

The expeditions going in search of either the north or south pole should take with them some of the country's famous pole vaulters. They would get over many difficulties with more ease than the ordinary man.

The famous old yacht America, the boat that brought the Queen's cup to our shores in 1851, is to be broken up. The same order once went out to break up the Constitution, but there was an Oliver Wendell Holmes to arouse the nation to the enormity of the act contemplated and Old Ironsides was saved. Where is the Holmes who shall rise up and cry aloud "Hold!" and stay the hand of the destroyer?

THE RUSSIAN WAY.

Kansas City World.

The first Russian stride into Manchuria was not made last week. That was the last stride rather than the first. She has been in actual possession for some time and this latest demand is simply the demand for a quit claim deed from China. The Arab proverb about keeping the nose of the camel out of the tent test his body presently follow is well illustrated in Russia's steady encroachment in Manchuria. She took the first step several years ago by obtaining a treaty permitting the building of the trans-Siberian railway across the northern part of Manchuria to Vladivostok; the Russian naval base. A provision of the treaty allowed the presence of Russian troops—50,000 of them.

Chicago Record-Herald.

What the United States and other powers demand is that Russia shall place no impediments in the way of opening new treaty ports or concessions at the request of other nations and that the principle of the "open door" in commerce shall not be violated. Once more Russia has assured us that she has no intention of asking China to place obstacles in the way of foreign trade. In view of these assurances we may calmly await the developments of the "proposed agreement concerning evacuation."

New York Evening Post.

The news relating to the Manchurian question converges to the one point that Secretary Hay's protest against the Russian program was the chief reason why it was disavowed. Japan has telegraphed her thanks, and not exactly thanks, but the good will of his government and himself, in large measure. London looks upon the clarifying of the atmosphere, as due to the Secretary. Probably Secretary Hay will be as much surprised as anybody at the result. What it signifies is that the United States holds such a position in the Pacific that Russia will not take the risk of any further steps in Manchuria, which might make us even tacitly the ally of Japan and England in those waters.

Baltimore Sun.

Fortunately for the peace of the world, Secretary Hay, who seems to have a real genius for unraveling mysteries, waved his magical wand, and now the whole thing is as clear as day. He cabled our ambassador at St. Petersburg to get the facts. Ambassador McCormick discharged his mission with brilliant success. The Bear has opened his heart to us and assures Mr. Hay that his intentions in respect to Manchuria are of the most benevolent nature, both as regards China and the United States. It is shameful that so amiable and disinterested a power as Russia should be the victim either of malicious slanders and strife-breeder or of ignorant diplomatists who do not understand the meaning of the simplest

words when formulated in a dispatch by a plain spoken Russian minister.

New York Evening Sun.

The Russian government is pained because the United States protested on the subject of Manchuria. But to this the following "authoritative statement" is tacked. Russia has given formal promise to America and proposes to carry out the same to the letter.

From being anxious to close the door upon American trade in Manchuria, Russia is anxious to give every possible opening. Only two days ago, at a council, the ministers of Finance made a special point of this and hoped that American capital would be attracted there. What reason is there why a country which is determined to do the right thing should be irritated by a friendly request for a derogatory as to her intentions? It looks as if Mr. John Hay had scored again.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The May number of Country Life in America tells "How to Spend a Vacation." It is almost a double number in size, and its large pages are full of beautiful pictures and helpful suggestions. "A Walking Vacation" shows just what a man needs to wear and carry on a mountain climbing trip of a few days or weeks. "How I Built My Vacation Home" is the story of a teacher who has made an eight-room house with his own hands at a cost of \$400. "Vacation in a Mountain Wagon" details a nine days' driving trip of 315 miles which cost \$75 for three persons. "The Collapse of Freak Farming" is a vigorous article by Prof. L. H. Bailey which will be worth many dollars to people who contemplate raising silene, mushrooms, Angora goats, basket willows, skunks or other idle issues of agriculture. "Hew We Built the Grange" is the story of a suburban house that turned out exactly as it was planned. All the changes which the owners now care to make would not cost more than \$50. "Trout Culture as a Business" discusses a profitable new industry created by the sportsman's club which are restocking our streams, tells how to raise trout and shows by pictures the complete life-history of the gamiest of all fish. "Strawberry Culture for Profit" is a series of personal stories of success. In many parts of the country by people who have made net profits of \$200 to \$1,000 per acre.—Doubleday, Page &amp; Co., New York.

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